

## DAYLILIES – “HAPPY EVER APPSTERS”



<http://www.centertonnursery.com/ap/brandinfo.asp>

### **Living Happily Ever Appster®**

The first successful everblooming Daylily was 'Stella D'Oro', bred by the late Walter Jablonski in the early 1970s. With its unmatched blooming quality, the plant's popularity soared above all others; however the deep gold color limits its design applications. The plant was a benchmark, though, with its reblooming characteristics and its Northern-hardy dormant foliage. Genetics like that found in 'Stella D'Oro' helped open the door for the beginning of what would become the world's first line of hardy, alternative color, multiple-repeat blooming daylilies: Happy Ever Appster®.

Nearly 10 years later, Dr. Darrel Apps selected a seedling out of a cross he made with 'Stella D'Oro'. It was a small yellow daylily that had stunning rebloom characteristics. It would become one of the most popular daylilies of all time: 'Happy Returns'. For many years, this cultivar has been among the top of popularity polls and can be found in garden centers around the world. Despite its ever-lasting popularity, Dr. Apps knew that he could get so much more than a plain-Jane yellow daylily.

So fifteen more years of breeding and around 350,000 seedlings later, Dr. Apps made yet another breakthrough. He had spent many years and generations of seedlings breeding non-yellow non-orange colors into reblooming daylilies, until on day, he selected what became 'Rosy Returns', the world's first hardy, alternative-color, multiple-repeat blooming daylily.

### **Happy Ever What?**

So now that you know where the plants come from, let us tell you how the name 'Happy Ever Appster®' came to be. It can be explained in three parts:

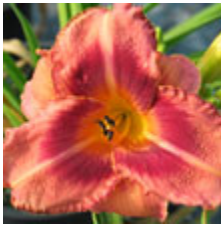
- **Happy** - all the daylilies in this program rebloom just like 'Happy Returns' (or better). Some are even direct descendents from 'Happy Returns' itself
- **Ever** - these plants are nearly everblooming from summer to frost
- **Appster** - this line of daylilies have all been created by world-renowned daylily hybridizer, Dr. Darrel Apps.



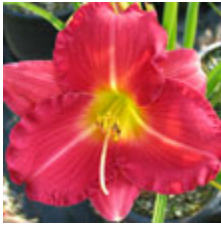
**'Apricot Sparkles'** - This everblooming dwarf is deep apricot with astounding diamond dusting qualities (shining particles on its petals), which is why we call it Apricot Sparkles. It starts extra early and continues to frost. It is a blooming fool, as heavily as any Daylily ever developed. Blooms are over 4" wide. This plant is patented. Propagation Prohibited!



**'Happy Returns'** - Dr. Apps began his quest for alternative color everbloomers 25 years ago. Starting with Stella and other lesser known plants possessing remontant characteristics, he made thousands of crosses. Finally, after numerous evaluations he achieved, 'Happy Returns', the lemon yellow everbloomer. A dormant diploid starting extra early and continuing to frost.



**'Just Plum Happy'** - A crossing of existing strong rebloomers with some heavy blooming eyezones, Dr. Apps has produced this vivid eyezone everbloomer. The blooms are 6"+ in rose pink with a wide purple eyezone, habit is short with broad deep-green foliage. It is a semi-evergreen diploid that starts mid and will continue blooming until late September. This plant is patented. Propagation Prohibited!



**'Romantic Returns'** - Blooms have wide, slightly recurved and ruffled petals of saturated deep coral rose, softer pink sepal edges, with a lemon throat, green tonsils, and pinkish petal rays. Deep green foliage and a moderate rate of clump development. Starts early-mid season and continues into September. This plant is patented. Propagation Prohibited!



**'Stephanie Returns'** - This exceptional rebloomer is a short and sweet variety with a pink/rose red bi-color with a plum eyezone and red veining over and bright green throat. Named for our good friend and garden writer Stephanie Cohen. She's short and sweet and always smiling. A great fit with this great daylily. Starts early-mid and continues into October. This plant is patented. Propagation Prohibited!



**'Sunset Returns'** - As the sunset lays on the horizon, this exceptionally low plant stays tidy, a true groundcover. Blooms are 4" wide with piecrust-ruffled petals playing in pastels of apricot, yellow, and gold. It sports near-black, deep green foliage, and a slow rate of growth. Clump development is relatively slow. 'Sunset Returns' is a dormant diploid which starts early season and continues to frost. This plant is patented. Propagation Prohibited!



**'When My Sweetheart Returns'** - Blooms of blush lemon cream with ruffles, exaggerated rose pink eye, bright lemon throat, grass green tonsils and white midribs. Deep green foliage, good vigor and makes a clump quickly. A dormant diploid that starts early mid and continues to frost. This plant is patented. Propagation Prohibited!